[Mr. S. Parameswara Aiyar.]

(3) whether Conservator Mr. Rama Rao, prepared a scheme for the demarcation of all settled reserves and for their exact location in the survey plans of the State, and whether, in case such a scheme was prepared, any action has been taken under it till now;

(4) whether the absence of such plans has not often rendered registering unreserved forests and locating the exact boundaries of reserved forests in forest cases extremely difficult in many cases; and

(5) whether, in view of the difficulties mentioned in part (4), the Government would take early steps to have such plans prepared by competent survey authorities?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) Correct maps for about seventy reserved forests have been prepared.

(2) The maps have not been printed and are not therefore available for sale to the public.

(3) The demarcation of reserves was being done even before the time of Mr. Rama Rao and he only issued circulars regarding the expeditious and proper execution of the same. The work is nearly over in respect of the settled reserves.

(4) No.

(5) The work is already being done by the Survey Department.

Encroachment on the Reserve Forests of the Northern Division.

231. MR. A. GOVINDA MENON (*Alangad* cum *Parur*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(1) the number of encroachments made into the reserved forests of the Northern Division in 1098; and

(2) the nature and result of the action taken in each case?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*): (1) and (2) It is reported that there was only one such case and that it related to trespass into a water channel in the Todupuzha Reserve for the purpose of irrigating a registered holding. It is also reported that, as the trespassers had only repaired an existing watercourse, and as they could at best be proceeded against only for lopping the branches and roots of a few small trees standing on its bank, the Divisional Forest Officer dropped the case after realising compensation.

Fish-curing Yard for Karunagapalli.

232. MR. N. PADMANABHA PILLAI (*Karunagapalli*): (*a*) Are the Government aware that a large number of Arayas on the coastal tract of Karunagapalli depend for their living on the fish industry?

(*b*) Will they be pleased to open a fish-curing yard to help them?

MR. S. PARAMESVARA AIYAR (*Secretary to Government*):

(*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Government will enquire

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